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SUEZ BACKGROUND: ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

Ground Forces, Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is now 107,000. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

Sinai Peninsula & Israeli Front - - 34,400

Canal Zone - - 15,000

Nile Delta Area - - 56,100

A G-2 estimates that 1,500 other Egyptian troops are in scattered garrisons up the Nile and in Western Desert oases.

ARMY review(s) completed.

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B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks includes 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.

C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following.

TANKS			MISC ARMORED VEHICLES	ARTILLERY FIELD		ARTILLERY A/T		
L.	M.	H.		SP	75mm-	100mm-	SP	57mm-
			650		100mm	155mm		75mm
40	259	82		11	124	50	151	249

ARTILLERY  
A/A

ARTILLERY MISC

20mm- 75mm-  
40mm 130mm

Rocket launchers,  
recoilless

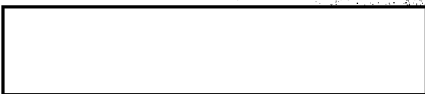
Mortars  
81mm-120mm

470 36

1 200

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Naval Forces. Principal concentrations are in three areas:

ALEXANDRIA:

4 destroyers  
4 patrol escorts  
6 fleet minesweepers  
7 coastal minesweepers  
8 motor torpedo boats

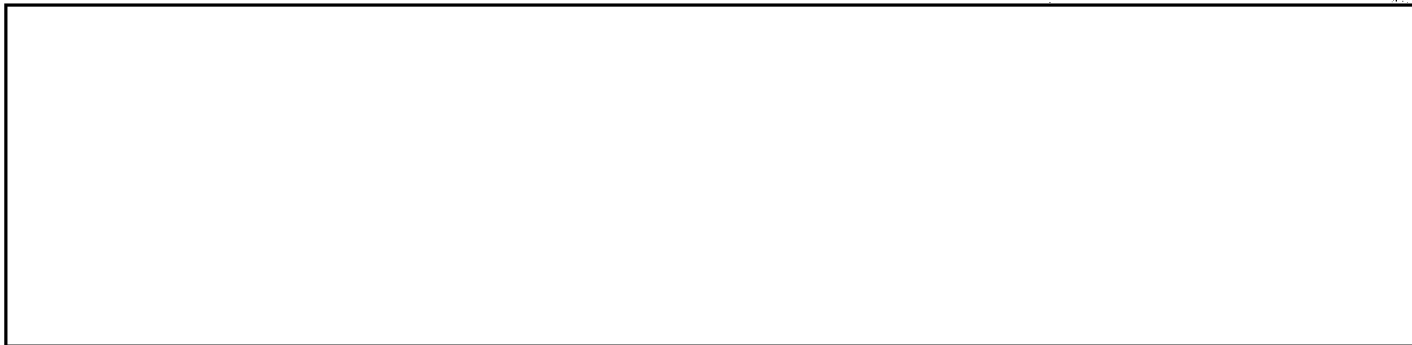
PORT SAID:

2 patrol escorts  
7 motor torpedo boats

RED SEA:

1 patrol escort  
6 motor torpedo  
boats

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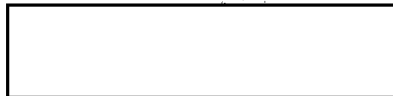
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III. Air Forces.

- A. Recent EAF redeployment will strengthen defense of the Canal Zone at the expense of the air defense of the Cairo area.
- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 IL-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas:

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CANAL ZONE AREA:

Abu Suweir -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters  
Fayid -- 20 Meteor jet fighters  
Kabrit -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters  
Kasfareet -- 17 Vampire jet fighters

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CAIRO AREA:

Almaza -- 9 piston fighters  
8 piston recon.  
C/West -- 17 Vampire jet fighters  
27 jet l. bombers  
6 piston m. bombers  
Inchas -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters

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